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Letter dated 20 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the decision on extending the length of stay and mandate of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia, adopted by the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Minsk on 1 June 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) O. **Laptenok**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 20 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Decision on extending the length of stay and mandate of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia

The Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Has decided:

1. To extend the length of stay and mandate of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia, until 31 December 2001 or until such time as one of the parties to the conflict declares that it is in favour of halting the operation.

2. This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE in Minsk on 1 June 2001 in one authentic copy in the Russian language. The authentic copy shall be deposited with the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which shall transmit a certified copy of this decision to each State that has signed it.

(*Signed*) H. A. **Aliyev**
For the Republic of Azerbaijan

(*Signed*) R. S. **Kocharyan**
For the Republic of Armenia

(*Signed*) A. G. **Lukashenka**
For the Republic of Belarus

(*Signed*) E. **Shevardnadze**
For Georgia

(*Signed*) N. A. **Nazarbaev**
For the Republic of Kazakhstan

(*Signed*) A. **Akayev**
For the Kyrgyz Republic

(*Signed*) V. **Voronin**
For the Republic of Moldova

(*Signed*) V. V. **Putin**
For the Russian Federation

(*Signed*) E. S. **Rakhmonov**
For the Republic of Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

(*Signed*) I. A. **Karimov**
For the Republic of Uzbekistan

For Ukraine